

History of Putnam County, New York : with biographical sketches

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TOWN OF KENT.

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owned by Reuben R. Barrett. The capital was \$100,000. This bank while at Farmer's Mills did not prove successful, and it finally merged into the "Bank of Kent," and the place of business was changed to Ludingtonville. It finally ceased to exist at the time of the establishment of the National Banks, in 1865. The "Bank of Kent" was organized in 1856, David Kent being president, and George Ludington, cashier. The place of business was at Ludingtonville.

UNION CEMETERY ASSOCIATION, KENT.—This company was organized at a meeting held May 23d, 1868, and the trustees appointed were: John Bennett, Isaac Bennett, Ezekiel Merritt and Henry C. Light. The land for the cemetery was sold to the association by John Hulse, two acres "situated on the west side of the Westchester and Dutchess turnpike." An elegant map is in the county clerk's office.

MINES.—About half a mile southwest of Pine Pond is a locality where arsenical iron is found. This is one of the old mine holes, from which silver is reported to have been taken, and it is locally known as "the silver mine." The mine was leased and worked about 1848, by a company called the "Hudson River Mining Company." The shaft is about forty feet deep, and yellow pulverulent sulphuret of arsenic covers the shaft, resulting from the decomposition of the arsenical sulphuret of iron, of which there is evidently a large quantity. The idea that silver exists here is received with doubt.

Steatite or soapstone is found in the southwestern part of the town, and in one locality in Peekskill Hollow. In 1849, the "Putnam County Mining Company" was organized. The object of this company was "to develop and work soapstone, granite and iron in the town of Kent." Little, however, was done, one reason being that the steatite is mixed with other minerals to a considerable extent.

SUPERVISORS OF KENT.—Reuben Ferris, 1790-97; Consider Cushman, 1798-1802; John Wilson, 1803; John Hazen, 1804 to 1812, probably; Edward Smith, 1813-14; John Phillips, 1815-17; Edward Smith, 1818; John Phillips, 1820-21; Daniel Kent, 1822; Jarvis Washburn, 1827-31; Joseph Cole, 1835; Robert W. Russell, 1836-37; James J. Smalley, 1838; Coleman Townsend,